
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT
OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, AND THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
TO ASSIST MOLOKAI HOMESTEADERS AND FARMERS TO DIVERSIFY,
INCREASE, AND PROMOTE THEIR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

1 WHEREAS, the Agribusiness Development Corporation was
2 established to make optimum use of the State's agricultural
3 assets, including large tracts of land abandoned by the sugar
4 and pineapple industries, and develop an aggressive and dynamic
5 agricultural development program; and
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7 WHEREAS, section 163D-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides,
8 in part, that the Agribusiness Development Corporation is "to
9 carry on the marketing analysis to direct agricultural industry
10 evolution, and to provide the leadership for the development,
11 financing, improvement, or enhancement of agricultural
12 enterprises"; and
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14 WHEREAS, it was once projected that the central plains of
15 Molokai, formerly covered by large tracts of pineapple acreage,
16 had the potential to be the bread basket of the State, producing
17 enough fresh produce to feed the entire State, thereby negating
18 the need to import fresh produce; and
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20 WHEREAS, the central plains of Molokai are serviced by the
21 Molokai irrigation system, operated and maintained by the
22 Department of Agriculture; and
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24 WHEREAS, a very predominant portion of all farming
25 activities on the Molokai central plains is undertaken by native
26 Hawaiian homesteaders and farmers on Department of Hawaiian Home
27 Lands property; and
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29 WHEREAS, the primary charge of the Office of Hawaiian
30 Affairs is the betterment of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians; and



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2 WHEREAS, a part of the duties and responsibilities of the
3 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, as set forth in section 10-5, Hawaii
4 Revised Statutes, is to provide grants and make available
5 technical and financial assistance and advisory services for
6 individuals, agencies, and private organizations for native
7 Hawaiian and Hawaiian programs; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Agribusiness
12 Development Corporation is requested to coordinate the efforts
13 of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Hawaiian
14 Home Lands, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to assist the
15 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands homesteaders and farmers on
16 Molokai to diversify, increase, and promote their agricultural
17 products; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development
20 Corporation is requested to work with the Department of
21 Agriculture to ensure that the Molokai irrigation system is in
22 optimum operating condition and providing sufficient irrigation
23 water to meet the requirements of the Molokai homesteaders and
24 farmers; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development
27 Corporation is requested to work with the Department of Hawaiian
28 Home Lands to make available additional arable lands in Molokai
29 with sufficient irrigation water for native Hawaiian
30 homesteaders and farmers; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agribusiness Development
33 Corporation is requested to work with the Office of Hawaiian
34 Affairs to jointly establish programs that include grants and
35 financial aid, technical assistance, and advisory services to
36 assist the Molokai homesteaders and farmers to diversify,
37 increase, and promote their agricultural products; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
41 Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the
42 Agribusiness Development Corporation, the Chairperson of the
43 Board of Agriculture, the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes



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1 Commission, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
2 Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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